

St. Mary's & St. Joan of Arc Parishes
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020

Masses this Week:

Sun., March 29, 11 AM

Brian Connor by Chris and Mary Harter

Mon., March 30, 8 AM

For the People of St. Mary's and St. Joan's

Tues., March 31, 8 AM

Rod Skidmore by a Friend

Wed., April 1, 8 AM

Margit Connors by Joe Connors

Thurs., April 2, 8 AM

Alice & Eugene Harter by Chris and Mary Harter

Fri., April 3, 8 AM

Joanne Morreale by a Friend

Sun., April 5, 11 AM

Steven Barrett (5th) by Kathy Barrett

This Week's Events

8am Daily Mass Live Streamed for Monday through Friday

11:30am – "Tuesdays with Father" Live Streamed (Faith Formation Lessons for Children)

7pm on Wednesdays - Lenten Adult Faith Formation Series (Online Course)

7pm on Thursdays - Parish Family Rosary (Homes United in Prayer)

3pm on Fridays - Stations of the Cross (from Home)

4pm-5pm on Saturdays - Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary's Church

11am Sunday Mass Live Streamed

11am Sunday Morning Mass Live Streamed!

Please join the entire St. Mary's & St. Joan's Parish Family for their weekly Sunday Mass online in real time!

(<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysStJoans>). Also, please do not forget to give your weekly offertory by way of mail or online giving (<https://churchgiving.com/non-profit/login.html?pc=h6ib9979>).

"Tuesdays with Father"

Live Streamed

(Faith Formation Lessons for Children)

Father will be engaging the young people of our parish online every Tuesday at 11:30am. He will be providing a brief Faith Formation lessons for the children of our parish. Please encourage your children to participate in this Lenten offering.



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HAGE

During this time of shelter-in-place, I was thinking about how much of a gift it is to have, as a community, a sacred space for worship in our churches. Our churches are filled with so many beautiful images, colors, statues, candles, and sacred art that truly help us lift our minds and hearts up to God in prayer and adoration. Now that visits to our churches have decreased, I would like to encourage all of our parishioners (if you have not already done so) to create a "home altar" in your households. A "home altar" is a very traditional practice whereby families create their own little prayer corner that can be filled with beautiful images, colors, statues, candles, and sacred art. Even as a priest, I find so much consolation in having my own little "home altar" in the rectory. Actually, when I first moved into my rectory that is one of the first things I did was build a "home altar" for myself. These "home altars" or "prayer corners" do have a real impact on the life of faith in the home. We, as human beings, need sights and sounds and images to help deepen our faith and remind us of heavenly things. Especially during this time when we do not know how long we might be at home, I think it would be a tremendous gift to your home to build your own little prayer corner. Here are some things that I think are "home altar" basics:

- A Crucifix
- An Image of Mary, Mother of God
- An image of your favorite saint
- Your favorite Rosary
- A bible left open on the altar
- Prayer cards
- Candles

Please encourage your children/grandchildren to help you assemble your own "home altar" this week! You can find some great idea-starters on Pinterest! Mary Immaculate and St. Joan of Arc, pray for us!

Stations of the Cross from Home

Stations are encouraged to be prayed from home on Fridays. The parish family will be "gathering" at 3pm every Friday from home to participate in this beautiful devotion. Please visit this link to use as your meditation: <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/stations-of-the-cross-for-marriages-and-families/>

Parish Family Rosary

Please join ARS in praying a Rosary from your homes every Thursday at 7pm. "The family that prays together, stays together." This is one way to keep our parishioners united in prayer from their homes. We will be offering the praying of the Rosary for an end to the coronavirus pandemic and that our faith communities remain unharmed.

A Note about Mass Intentions

The intentions scheduled for each daily Mass will remain as they are. The intentions scheduled for our 5pm Vigil Mass and our 9am Sunday Mass will be rescheduled to be prayed at different upcoming Masses in the near future, especially on Fridays. Kathleen and Carol will be contacting these families to let them know that their intentions for these Masses have been rescheduled and they will alert them to the new dates. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

A Note to/for our Homebound

For those unable to leave their homes during this time, please know that we have organized a group of 15 volunteers from the parish who are willing and ready to make deliveries in the Hamilton and Morrisville area. These volunteers have already begun to contact the known homebound in our parish communities, and have begun to assess their needs. They will also be calling the homebound once a week to check in on a regular basis. If you know of someone who is homebound, please call the parish office and we can assign them a volunteer. Just to be clear, the volunteers will not be entering these parishioners' homes for the sake of social distancing. They will simply leave resources/supplies at the person's front door step, and also take every precaution to sanitize.

High School Hangout—Catholic Style

Our Youth Minister, Mary Dinski, will be hosting a hangout with our St. Mary's & St. Joan's High Schoolers every Sunday at 4pm by way of Zoom. Mary also has a background in social work, so she will be leading the teens not only in a faith lesson, but also in activities that will help teens dealing with stress and anxiety during this time. It will also be a lot of fun! If you are interested in having your teen participate, please contact Mary at mary@fiver.org. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/240220157>

Meeting ID: 240 220 157



Lenten Adult Faith Formation Series Online Course

Father Jason Hage will be leading parishioners in a weekly online Adult Faith Formation series every Wednesday at 7pm during the season of Lent. We will be covering the book *Eucharist*. In this remarkable book, Bishop Robert Barron offers insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives. As festive as the film *Babette's Feast* and as profound as the work of Ronald Knox, this fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light the meanings of meal, sacrifice, and real presence in our lives.

Please Offer Prayers:

For those who are ill, especially: Louise MacDonnell, Michael K. Dugan, John Moore, Amber Buell, Brenda Thieben, Bob Gunther, David Lemery, Alex LaBrague, Nancy Cocker, Dick Cocker, Phyllis Harris, Jacob Lamb, Mike Harry, Mary Lou Sacco Crouch, James Marcellus, Mandy McCracken, Gertrude Federici, Helen Bonhotal, Nicholas Respecki, James P. Sheehan, Bethany Merenda, Jim Jackson, Jim Eiholzer, Catherine Jones, Catherine Albrecht Hanson, Theresa Blass, Mary Messere, Kaitlin Nagle, Richard Foligno, Eddie Kunze, Valorie Gunther, Michelle Atkinson, Diane Needham, Anthony Somma, Toni and Larry Barns, Alyssa Hinkis, Carol Benzoni, John Wells, Bobby D'Angelo, Hannah Karlson, Mike & Sarah Periard, Dana Camp, Emily Carroll, Gertrude and Malcolm Pownall, Roy Rolle, Roy Roher, Mark Losee, Thomas Fadale, Joan Gorton, John Monahan, Christine Webb, Patti VanVoorhis, Carolyn Depta, Margaret Peer, Marsha Roberts, Michael Bartlett, Barbara Terras, Dorothy Lynch, Steve Jones, Esther Davis, Shane Gallup, Robin Maciag, Mark Naef, Mary Golley, and all those on our prayer lines.

For all in the Military, especially: SPC Ryan Fowler; 2LT Shelly Respecki; SGT Wade Curtis; PO Dan Molloy, USN; SGT Ian Witchley; LT Andrew Stopchick, USN; GySgt Greg Palmere, USMC; and Corp. Wayne Lyrek, USMC



Making Face Masks

As we have all heard, face masks are in short supply and health care workers are scrambling to find any. If you sew and would like to contribute, Community Memorial Hospital could use them. Sean Fadale, the CEO of CMH, responded to the offer: "We would definitely accept them. It allows the staff to use them over their N95s and preserve them longer, and we can wash the cloth ones." Here are three links to making the masks. A couple members of ARS have found the tie ones might be better as they are having a hard time finding elastic. Father will have a box on his side porch. When it fills up, he will make deliveries to the hospital.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/24/us/sewing-groups-masks-coronavirus-wellness-trnd/index.html>

<file:///C:/Users/Kathleen/Downloads/Face%20Mask%20Sewing%20Pattern%20-%20Craft%20Passion.pdf>

<file:///C:/Users/Kathleen/Downloads/howtomakeaface-mask.pdf>

From the Hamilton Ecumenical & Interfaith Outreach during Coronavirus Pandemic

Hi all, I was just thinking it might be a really neat idea for every household in our region to put one single candle in their front window as a sign of solidarity during this difficult time. That way, as people take their solitary walks/exercise each day they can be reminded that we are not alone in this, and that we are all in this together. I pray it will also be a powerful sign of hope in this dark time. As it says in John 1:5, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." If you would like to find out more information on our outreach, please visit:

https://nextdoor.com/post/140836576?init_source=copy_link_share

Magnificat Online Goes Free, to Help the Homebound Pray from Home

As many are unable to attend Mass, the prayer and liturgy guide is now available to all. A note at the web site announces: During this challenging time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. Magnificat is honored to provide complimentary access to our online version to help people pray from home. Content includes not only the readings for Mass, but also a prayer for morning and evening, as well as a daily meditation, penned by a variety of saints and modern-day masters of prayer and spirituality. You can find it here: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

Consolation Ministers – March

St. Joan's –Lona Dahlem (495-6478), Chuck Molloy (684-9398) & Paula Curtis (684-9058)

St. Mary's – Sylvia Roe (315-824-2259) and Sabrina Craven (315-263-7012)

St. Joan of Arc News

St. Joan's Financial Support – 3-22

Ordinary Collection \$210.00
HOPE Appeal Overage 333.86

Spring/Summer Ministers Schedule

The Spring/Summer Ministers Schedule will be made up the week of April 12. If you have additions/deletions or preferences, please let Carol know by Easter Sunday. Thank you all for serving!!

Parish Socials

No Parish Social in April which falls on Easter.
We would like to thank all our hostesses and cooks for making our socials such wonderful fellowship gatherings. If you would like to volunteer to assist as a hostess or bring goodies, please contact Judy Donnelly at 315-684-9584.

St. Mary's News

Easter Flowers

Envelopes for Easter flowers, in memory of a loved one, can be found in the back of the church. Thank you.

St. Mary's Parish Financial Support – 3-22

Ordinary Collection \$933.00
Fuel 20.00
Easter Flowers 80.00
HOPE Appeal Overage 37.50
Youth Group 10.00

Please remember us in your will

Job Posting: Music Director

St. Mary's Church, Hamilton, NY. Part-Time

One Saturday evening Mass, one Sunday Mass, four annual Holy Days of Obligation. Weddings and funerals to be paid separately. Directs, coordinates, and performs music that is liturgically appropriate for parish liturgies and other designated celebrations. Act as the parish music resource for all other ministries/programs. Start date will be July 1, 2020. Please send a cover letter and resumé to St. Mary's Church at stmaryshamilton@syradio.org.

Faith Formation Classes

Due to the pandemic, and the cancellation of Faith Formation classes, the Catechists will be contacting families via email to provide weekly grade level lessons which parents can do at home with their children. This will enable the students to continue some aspect of Faith Formation, and to engage their parents! If you have any questions or thoughts, please contact Peggy Rhyde (peggyrhyde@yahoo.com)

Altar Rosary Spring Fair Raffle

The Altar Rosary 50/50 raffle tickets are in the mail! When you receive your tickets, fill out your contact information and send in that side of the tickets with your payment in the return envelope. Tickets are \$5 each, 3 for \$10 or 6 for \$20. All proceeds go toward the care of the altar and other ARS activities at St. Mary's. If you need more tickets, contact an ARS member. We will have the raffle drawing the weekend of the rescheduled Spring Fair. St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society thanks you for your support.

*The Sanctuary Candle is lit
for the month of April
in Memory of Thelma Belitz
by Fran Belitz.*



**BISHOP LUCIA HAS SUSPENDED ALL PUBLIC
MASSES IN THE DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE**

**All regular gatherings that take place on our church campuses are cancelled until further notice.*

- **Father Hage will be live streaming the 8am daily Mass as well as the 11am Sunday Mass from his rectory.** He will be praying daily Masses Monday through Friday over live stream to encourage people to join him in prayer for an end to this epidemic and that our faith communities remain unharmed. <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysStJoans>
- **St. Mary's & St. Joan's parish offices are officially closed until further notice.** Parishioners are encouraged to communicate with the office over email and phone.
- **The church will still remain open during the day for private individual prayer and/or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**
- **Father Hage will be available to hear confessions at St. Mary's from 4pm to 5pm every Saturday.** A temporary confessional will be set up in the church to allow for safe distancing as well as easy sanitizing after each penitent celebrates the Sacrament.
- **Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms can no longer take place in the church until the government shutdown is ended.**
- **Don't forget to check out the weekly bulletin under the bulletin tab!**